

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing proposed amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

By this proposed amendment, claims 1-9 remain pending, no claims having been amended, and claims 14, 16 and 17 having been newly canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for agreeing that claims 1-9 are allowed.

Rejection of Claims 14, 16 and 17

Applicants propose canceling claims 14, 16 and 17 without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby making the rejection of these claims moot. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the rejection of claims 14, 16 and 17 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Having addressed all rejections, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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